GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EXPORT OF HERBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the share of India in American imports of herbs from different countries; and

(b) the details of steps taken by the Government to increase the participation of India in export of herbs to foreign countries and also to boost the production of herbs in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) The share of India in American imports of herbs from different countries is 20% during the year 2001.

(b) Govt. of India has set up the National Medicinal Plants Board to ensure mass availability of medicinal plants and to coordinate all matters relating to their development and sustainable use. In pursuance of these objectives, the Board has introduced Promotional and Commercial schemes for increasing the production of herbs in the country for domestic and export markets.